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MARYLAND GAZETTE,

Containing the freſheſt Advices foreign and domeſtic.

THURSDAY, *May* 23, 1754.

The SPEECH of his Excellency *WILLIAM SHIRLEY*, Eſq; to the Great and General Court or Aſſembly of the Province of the *Maſſachuſetts Bay*, in *New-England*, *March* 28, 1754.

Gentlemen of the Council, and Houſe of Repreſentatives,

HAVING received in the Receſs of the Court ſome Diſpatches, which nearly concern the Welfare of the Province: I thought it neceſſary to require a general Attendance of the Members of both Houſes at this Meeting of the Aſſembly, that the Matters contain'd in them may have as full and ſpeedy a Conſideration, as the Importance of them ſeems to demand.

By Accounts ſent from *Richmond* Fort, and Declarations made before me and His Majeſty's Council, by two of the Settlers at *Frankfort*, upon the River *Kennebeck*, I am inform'd, that in the Summer before laſt a conſiderable Number of *French* ſettled themſelves on a noted Carrying-Place, made Uſe of by the ſeveral *Indian* Tribes inhabiting that Part of the Country, in their Paſſage to and from *Canada*, which ſeparates the Head of the aforeſaid River from that of the River *Chaudiere*, which laſt falls into the great River St. *Lawrence*, at Four Miles and a Half above the City of *Quebeck*.

And I have received further Intelligence, that the *French* are ſettled very thick for 12 Miles on each Side of the ſaid River *Chaudiere*, at about 30 Miles Diſtance above the Mouth of it, and in the Midway between the River St. *Lawrence* and the beforementioned Carrying Place: And the Captain of *Richmond* Fort in his Letter, dated 23d of laſt *January*, informs me, That the *Norridgwalk Indians* have declared to him, "That they had given "the new *French* Settlers upon the Carrying-"Place, Liberty to hunt any where in that Coun-"try, as a Recompence for the great Service they "will be of to them, in a Time of War with the "*Engliſh*, by ſupplying them with Proviſions and "Military Stores."

The ſame Officer further acquaints me, in another Letter, dated *February* the 11th, That ſeveral *Indians* of the *Arreſſiguntticook*, and ſome of the *Penobſcot* Tribe, amounting, together with the *Norridgwalk Indians*, to Sixty effective Men, beſides Boys, capable of bearing Arms, were then lately arrived in the Neighbourhood of the Fort under his Command: And that tho' they aſſembled there on Pretence of writing a joint Letter to me, as they have done, yet he had Reaſon to expect from their Haughty inſolent Behaviour, the repeated open Threats of ſome of them, and the private Warnings from others, that as ſoon as the Rivers ſhould be free from Ice, they would commit Hoſtilities againſt the *Engliſh*, upon that and neighbouring Rivers; in which they intimate, they are to be aſſiſted by a Number of *French* from *Canada*, diſguis'd like *Indians*: And in another Letter, dated the 10th of *March*, he acquaints me, that the *French* Prieſt, Miſſionary to the *Indians* of the River *Kennebeck*, appeared to him to be continually uſing Artifices to excite the *Indians* to prevent our Settlements from being extended higher up it; to ſet them at Variance with the *Engliſh*; and diſpoſe them to a War with them this Spring.

Moſt of theſe Accounts are confirm'd by the Declarations of the before-mentioned Settlers at *Frankfort*, with the additional Circumſtances, that the *French* Prieſt had been very inquiſitive after *Roman* Catholic Families in that Settlement; and uſed Endeavours to draw off ſome of the Inhabitants into the Service of the *French*; particularly for building a Chapel and a Dwelling Houſe for himſelf upon that River, about three or four Miles above *Cuſhuna*, and at the Diſtance of 24 from *Frankfort*; and been very induſtrious to perſuade them that it was within the *French* Territories: And the *Indians* have further declared, that they have been inſtigated by the Governor of *Canada* to hinder the *Engliſh* from ſettling upon any Part of the River; which is ſtrongly confirm'd by a Depoſition of Capt. *Lithgow*, made in *Auguſt* laſt.

Upon this Occaſion, *Gentlemen*, I ſent as ſoon as might be, with the Advice of His Majeſty's Council, the neceſſary Reinforcements of Men and Stores to all the Eaſtern Forts; iſſued Commiſſions for raiſing ſix Independent Companies in the Townſhips and Diſtricts next adjacent to them, with Orders for the Officers and Soldiers to hold themſelves in conſtant Readineſs to march upon any Alarm, to the Succour of any neighbouring Fort or Settlement which may be attack'd; to cut off the Enemy in their Retreat; and in caſe that they ſhould find that the *Norridgwalk Indians* have committed Hoſtilities, to break up their Villages and Settlements upon *Kennebeck*, and to kill or captivate all they can meet with of their Tribe: I likewiſe ordered an Officer, commiſſioned by me for that Purpoſe, to proceed by the firſt Opportunity to the ſuppos'd Place of the new *French* Settlement, in order to diſcover the Certainty and Circumſtances of it; and to require the *French* Commandant to retire and withdraw the People under his Command from that Spot, as being under His Majeſty's Dominion, and within the Limits of this Government.

And I doubt not, *Gentlemen*, from your diſtinguiſh'd Zeal for the Defence of His Majeſty's Territories, and the Protection of his Subjects within this Government upon all Occaſions, but that upon a Refuſal of the *French* to comply with that Requiſition, you will make ſufficient Proviſion for enabling me to compel them with the arm'd Force of the Province, to free it from their Incroachments.

The Concern, *Gentlemen*, which you expreſs'd in your Meſſage to me at our Meeting in *December* laſt, upon your Apprehenſions of the imminent Danger, which the Province was in, from the *French* having fortify'd themſelves upon the River of St. *Johns*, cloſe to our Borders, leaves me no Room to doubt of your being ſenſible of the fatal Conſequences in the general that muſt attend Incroachments, which it ſeems plain they are now puſhing into the *Heart* of the Province (as the General Court in a Vote paſs'd the 16th of *January*, 1749. juſtly calls the River *Kennebeck*) unleſs they are timely removed.

But it may not be improper for me to obſerve to you in particular, that it appears from an Extract which I have lately cauſ'd to be made of ſome original Letters taken among Father *Ralle*'s Papers at breaking up the *Indian* Settlement at *Norridgwalk* in 1724, and which paſs'd between him, Father *Lauverjat*, Prieſt of the *Penobſcot* Tribe, and Father *La Chaſſe*, Superior of the Jeſuits at *Quebeck*, during the *Indian* War in the Years 1723 and 1724; That the Head of *Kennebeck* River, near which the *Indians* have declared the *French* have made a New Settlement, was the Centre of moſt of the Tribes then at War with us, and the general Rendezvous of all that came to the Eaſtern Parts: The *Hurons*, the *Iroquois* of the Falls of St. *Lewis*, the Tribe of St. *Francis* (or *Arreſſiguntticooks*) and the *Indians* of the *Seignorie* (as the *French* call them) of *Becancour* on the one Hand, uſed to aſſemble with the *Norridgwalks* here, from their ſeveral Settlements, and the *Penobſcots* from their River, on the other: Here they held their Conſultations, and from hence iſſued out in Parties united or ſeparate, as beſt ſuited them, againſt the *Engliſh*; hither they retired after Action, and brought their Wounded for Relief; and here, if they met with Proviſions, they far'd well; if not, they ſuffer'd greatly for Want of them.

It appears further from theſe Letters, that the ſeveral *French* Miſſionaries chiefly conducted and managed this War; that they had the Care of ſupplying the *Indians* with the neceſſary Proviſions and Stores for carrying it on; were employed to make them perſevere in it, and to puſh them on to their boldeſt Enterprizes; that they tranſmitted Accounts of their Proceedings to the Government of *Canada* thro' the Hands of the Superior of the Jeſuits at *Quebeck*, thro' whom likewiſe they received *their* Directions from thence; as the Governor of *Canada* ſeems to have done *his*, upon this Occaſion, from the Court of *France*.

And I would further obſerve, that this Route affords the *French* a ſhorter Paſſage for making Deſcents from *Quebeck* upon this Province, and deſtroying the whole Province of *Maine*, with the King's Woods there, and in the Government of *New-Hampſhire*, than any other whatever from *Canada*.

Theſe Advantages, which the Poſſeſſion of this River would give the *French* over this Province, make it eaſy to account for their conſtant Endeavours ever ſince the Treaty of *Breda*, at which it was determined, in the moſt ſolemn Manner, between the two Crowns, that the River *Pentagoet* or *Penobſcot*, was the Boundary between *New England* and *Accadia* or *Nova-Scotia*, to extend the Limits by Claim upon all Occaſions (as in Fact they have done) to the Eaſtern Side of the River *Kennebeck*; tho' they never attempted, until within theſe few Years, to paſs over the River St. *Lawrence*, within the Extent of this P[illegible]

I am ſatisfied it [illegible] for me, *Gentlemen*, to urge any Thing [illegible] how neceſſary for the Safety of this Government it is, that we ſhould ſecure to ourſelves the Poſſeſſion of this important River againſt the Incroachments of the *French* without Delay: And I think, the preſent Situation of Affairs in that Country muſt convince you, how vain a Scheme it would now be to have your ſole Dependence for gaining this Point upon making annual Preſents to *Indians*, who appear to have enter'd into an offenſive Alliance with the *French* againſt you; and have ſhew'd evident Marks of a Diſpoſition to put the River into their Power.

How different are ſuch Proceedings from thoſe of the *French*? Whilſt we have been ſuing in vain to a few *Indians* for their Permiſſion to ſettle Lands within the undoubted Limits of this Province, and which themſelves can't deny to have been purchaſed of their Anceſtors; and have in Effect promis'd them a yearly Tribute to reſtrain them from committing Acts of Hoſtility againſt us; the *French* have marched Armies into diſtant Countries of numerous and powerful Tribes, which without any Colour of Right they have invaded; They have forbid them to make further Grants of any of their Lands to the *Engliſh*, and have built, and are ſtill building ſtrong Forts, with an avow'd Intent to drive them off from the Lands already granted to them, and to exclude them from all Commerce with thoſe *Indians*, whom they have threatened with Deſtruction, if they ſhall preſume to interfere in their Favour.

It is Time, *Gentlemen*, for you to deſiſt from having your chief Dependence upon temporary Expedients, which ſeem rather to have expos'd the Government to the Contempt of theſe *Indians*, than to have conciliated their Friendſhip to it; and to take Counſel in Part from the Policy of our Neighbours.

Vigorous Meaſures againſt the *French*, in caſe they ſhall refuſe to quit his Majeſty's Territories within this Government, without being compell'd to it by Force; building a ſtrong Fort near the Head of the River *Kennebeck*, above the Settlements of the *Norridgwalk Indians*, and puſhing on our Settlements upon it, in a defenſible Manner, would effectually rid the Province of the Incroachments of the Former, and either hold the Latter in a due Dependence upon us, or oblige them to abandon the River.

And further, by making ourſelves, through this Means, Maſters of the Paſs, which was the general Place of Rendezvous during the *Indian* War in 1723 and 1724, of all the Tribes engaged in it, both in their Incurſions and Retreats, we ſhould have

have it in our Power to curb all those *Indians* for the future; and in a great Measure prevent them from attempting to make Depredations in our exposed Settlements.

I must further observe to you upon this Occasion, *Gentlemen*, how dangerous Delays to make suitable Preparations for removing the *French* would be.

How practicable was it at *first*, to have put a Stop to their Proceedings, in building their Fort at *Crown Point*? And you can't but remember, what mischievous Effects of the Neglect to do that in the *Beginning*, were felt by this and the Province of *New York*, in the Ravages which they suffer'd from thence during the late War.

A short Delay to dislodge them from their Encroachments near the River *Kennebeck*, might give them an Opportunity of making themselves Masters of that River likewise, in the End; and in that Case we may expect soon to see another Fort built by them near the Mouth of it, and the *French* in Possession of all the Sea Coast, between that and the River St. *Johns*.

Gentlemen of the Council, and House of Representatives,

I hope you will proceed in the Consideration of these Matters with that Unanimity and Dispatch which his Majesty's Service and the Safety of the Province requires; And that you, *Gentlemen of the House of Representatives*, will make the necessary Supplies.

WILLIAM SHIRLEY.

Council Chamber, March 28, 1754.

(Continuation of the ASSEMBLY AFFAIRS, begun in our last)

Monday, *May* 13, 1754.

EIGHT more Members appeared this Day in the House.

A Message was sent to the Upper House, naming the Committee to inspect the Accounts and Proceedings of the Commissioners of the Paper Currency Office.

A Message was brought from the Upper House, in Answer thereto.

His Excellency communicated his Answer to the Address of the House. [*Printed in last Gazette.*]

Post Meridiem. Mr. *Hugh Wallis*, a Gentleman lately elected for *Kent* County, in the room of Mr. *William Rasin*, now Sheriff, appeared, was qualified and took his Seat.

The Sheriff of *Kent* County was called to the Bar of the House, to know why he did not before return the Writ of Election: He acquainted the House, that it was occasion'd by the neglect of one of his Under Sheriffs, whom he had directed to make a speedy Return.

The House excused the Sheriff; and he was dismissed, on paying Fees.

Ordered, That on Thursday next, the House will take into Consideration, that part of the Governor's Speech which recommends the Foundation of a more perfect and public Seminary of Learning; and at the same time, to take into Consideration the several Laws that have been made for the Establishment of Public and County Schools within this Province.

The House adjourn'd.

Tuesday, *May* 14.

Pursuant to the Order of Thursday last, the House took into Consideration that part of his Excellency's Speech, relating to the Preparations, Designs, Armaments, Incroachments and Depredations, made by the *French*, on his Majesty's Territories and Dominions in *America*.

Resolved unanimously, That a Sum of Money be raised to be made a Present to the Six Nations of *Indians* on their Meeting at *Albany* in *June* next: And also, That a Sum of Money be raised for the Assistance of the *Virginians*; now attacked and invaded by the *French*.

Seventeen of the Members were appointed a Committee to enquire into Ways and Means for raising Money sufficient for those Purposes.

Post Meridiem. The House adjourn'd.

Wednesday, *May* 15.

Three more Members appeared in the House.

The Committee appointed Yesterday, to find out Ways and Means for raising Money, delivered in their Report.

Post Meridiem. The Question was put, Whether the House will proceed to mention the several Sums for those Purposes, or not? Carried in the Affirmative.

Then the Question was put, Whether 3001. or 6201. should be granted as a Present for the *Indians*, to be distributed by the Commissioners to *Albany*? Carried for 6201.

Then the Question was put, Whether the Sum of 3,000 *l.* or 4,000 *l.* be granted for the Assistance of the *Virginians*? Carried for 3,000 *l.* Yeas 39. Nays 12.

On reading the Report brought in by the Committee for considering Ways and Means, *&c.* the Question was put, Whether the House agrees to the several Taxes to be made on Suits in Chancery, and in the Provincial and County Courts, as therein Reported, or not? Carried in the Affirmative. Yeas 39. Nays 12.

Then the Question was put, Whether a Tax be laid on all Offices of Profit within this Province, to be applied to the Assistance of the *Virginian*, or not? Carried in the Affirmative. Yeas 28. Nays 23.

The Question was put, That the Sums to be paid in every Action to be brought in the several Courts mentioned in the Report of the Committee for Ways and Means, shall be paid by the Plaintiff at the issuing of every first Writ, or original Process, and not to be Taxed in the Bill of Cost. *Resolved* in the Affirmative.

The House adjourn'd.

Thursday, *May* 16.

Six of the Members were appointed a Committee to Tax all Offices of Profit, within this Province, to be applied for his Majesty's Service.

Pursuant to the Order of Monday last, the House took into Consideration the Affair of Founding a Seminary of Learning, *&c.* and the Question was put, Whether the Fund now appropriated for the several County Schools, and the Money which may arise on the Sale of the Lands and Houses which appertains to them, should be applied towards the Erection of one public Seminary for Learning within this Province, or not? Carried in the Affirmative. Yeas 38. Nays 13.

The Committee of Laws were ordered to make enquiry into Ways and Means to raise a Fund for the Establishment of one public Seminary of Learning in this Province.

Post Meridiem. Resolved, That so much Sterling Money, as will amount to the Sum of 500 *l.* Currency at the difference of Exchange, be taken out of the Treasurers Hands, to be disposed of to purchase Goods, *&c.* to be made a Present to the Six Nations of *Indians*, at their Meeting with the Commissioners at *Albany* in *June* next.

The Question was put, Whether the Sum of 150*l.* Current Money, which is to defray the Expence of the Commissioners to *Albany*, and the Sum of 3 000 *l.* for his Majesty's Service, be taken out of the Loan Office, or, out of the Treasurers Hands of this Province. Carried for the former. Yeas 24. Nays 12.

The House adjourn'd.

Friday, *May* 17.

Post Meridiem. Leave given to bring in a Bill, ——*Supplementary to the Act for amending the Staple*, &c.

Ordered, That the Committee of Accounts receive no Claims against the Public, after Tuesday next.

A Bill,——*For his Majesty's Service*, was brought in, and had a first Reading.

The House adjourn'd.

Saturday, *May* 18.

The Bill,——*For his Majesty's Service*, had a second Reading, Pass'd, and was sent to the Upper House.

Then the House adjourn'd till Monday.

PARIS, March 8.

LETTERS from Toulon make the Number of the Men of War, Bomb Vessels, &c. fitting out against the Algerines to 34, viz. 8 Ships of the Line, the least of 60 Guns, 8 Frigates, 8 Bomb Ketches, 10 Victuallers, and two Hospital Ships; and these, it is said, are also to be joined by a Spanish Squadron. In order to secure the Success of this Expedition, some Officers who have been at Algiers, and made it their Business to take Notice of every Particular of its Strength and Situation, treat as a timerous Prepossession the Notion of those who give out that this Port is so strongly defended by Works and Batteries as to bid Defiance to any Force.

Paris, March 15. Provisions of all Kinds, especially Vegetables, both here and in the Country, are at an exorbitant Price.

A Letter from Algiers mentions the following Particulars. "The French Consul has so effectually represented to the Dey the Vengeance which would inevitably fall upon him if he persisted in his Refusal to deliver up the Crew belonging to Capt. Prepaud's Ship, that he has already releas'd them, together with the Ship and Cargo. We hope this Complaisance will put a Stop to the Armament design'd against us; however, the Preparations for repelling any Attacks are continued with equal Art and Diligence; and, which is never done but upon an extraordinary Occasion, an Admiral is appointed, who is a Person of great naval Reputation.

LONDON.

March 9. By Letters from Paris it appears, that the Marquis de Breze, Lieutenant General of the French King's Armies, Commander in Chief of the Province of Flanders and Hainault, and Grand-Master of the Ceremonies of France, died the 17th past, in the 54th Year of his Age. The Dutchess of Orleans has the Small Pox. The Court, being able to obtain no Satisfaction from the Algerines, has at last taken a definitive Resolution of treating that Nest of Pyrates with the utmost Rigour. Abbe Chauvelin, the famous Orator in the Parliament of Paris, having talked a little too freely of the King and Ministry at Caen, were he was exiled, has been sent to Argentean, where it is said he is very closely confined. The East India Company being disappointed in their Returns will have but a small Sale this Year. The Dauphiness advances happily in her Pregnancy. The Court seems displeased with the dying mistaken Zeal of the Bishop of D—x, in authorizing the Curate to refuse the Sacrament to a Lady. The Count de St. Florentin, we are told, has wrote a Letter to that Prelate, complaining of his Conduct; and that the King entirely approves of the Proceedings of the Parliament of Bourdeaux on this Occasion.

From Genoa we learn that the Master of a Dutch Ship that arrived in this Port a few Days ago from the Ecclesiastical State, informs us, that falling in with a Tripolitan Corsair off Porto Hercole, the Commander of the Corsair obliged him to produce his Pass, which being approved, he was permitted to pursue his Voyage without further Molestation. Advice has been received here from Tunis, that soon after the Dey had taken upon himself the Government of that State, he ordered out two armed Chebecks, a Frigate of 30 Guns, and five new Pinks, on a Cruize in the Spanish and Sicilian Seas, against the Ships of such Christian Powers with whom he is not engaged by any particular Treaty; and as an Encouragement to the Commanders of those Ships to take Prizes, he has promised them greater Advantages than have hitherto been enjoyed by former Cruizers: And moreover he engages, that the Senate shall pay 150 Sequins for every Knight of Malta, and 50 Sequins for every common Sailor who shall be found on board any Ship they shall take belonging to the Maltese. It is further said, that the new Dey has revolved the Edict of his Predecessor, for banishing the Jews; and, in order to encourage them to return to Tunis, he has promised them greater Privileges, with Regard to Commerce, than they enjoyed at the Time of passing that Edict.

A Scheme is proposed, which will be carried into Execution next Month, for recovering the Money and Effects of all Ships and Vessels lost on the Rocks of Scilly; particularly the Hollandia, a Dutch Indiaman, lost about ten Years ago; and we hear that the Right Hon. the Earl of Godolphin, Lord of those Isles and Seas adjacent, has granted to Gilbert Douglass, Esq; full Power and Authority to use all Ways and Means for making this Recovery during the Term of five Years. A new invented Machine to work under Water, with which many successful Experiments have been made, is provided for this Purpose, and several Divers are appointed, among whom is Mr. Mitchel, who recovered the Money belonging to the Indiaman that was lost some Time ago on the Cape de Verd Islands.

March 14. The Person who has taken Refuge at Oporto, is a Man of very considerable Rank. In the Time of the late War he was concerned in several Privateers, some of which were fitted out entirely at his own Expence; particularly the Benson Galley: He had likewise a Number of Ships constantly in the Newfoundland Trade. But, 'tis said, his greatest Profits arose from the Losses he contrived, either by running his Ships into the Enemy's Hands, or causing them to be sunk at Sea, in order to cheat the Insurers. In the Year 1746, he was detected in a Fraud of this Kind, one of his Ships being sunk on the Irish Coast, after privately relanding the Goods. But the Figure Mr. B—— made (having served High Sheriff for the County of Devon the Year before, and keeping his Coach and Six, &c.) and the Affidavits of his secret Associates, overpowered the Evidence of his Guilt at that Time; so that the Insurers gave up the Affair. His Demon, however, failed him in the Year 1753, when he was obliged to fly the Kingdom, for the Fact for which his Confederate, *Lancy*, (Master of the Ship Nightingale, *Thomas Benson*, Esq;

Esq; Member of Parliament for Barnstable. Owner now lies under Sentence of Death in Newgate.

'Tis reported that the abovementioned Fugitive has taken Sanctuary in a Convent, and is become a Roman Catholic; if so, there are no Hopes that the Portuguese will give him up, if demanded.

BOSTON.

April 11. *On Thursday the 28th of last Month, in the Afternoon, a very sorrowful Accident happen'd at the House of Mr. Aaron Willard, at Lancaster: —Several Children being at play in a Room, when he and his Wife were from Home, one of them, a Boy in the Neighbourhood, took down a Firelock and snap'd it; but being told by Mr. Willard's Daughter, a Girl of about 13 Years of Age, that it was loaded, he took the Rammer to try whether it was or not, but the Rammer being too short it went down even to the Muzzle, and therefore he thought it was not, and so contented playing with the Gun till it went off, and, being charged with Shot, kill'd the said Girl and her Brother, a Child of about 9 Years of Age, in an Instant.*

April 28. *Thursday last, between ten and eleven o' Clock in the Forenoon, a terrible Fire happen'd in the westerly Part of this Town, which in a short Time intirely consum'd four or five large Dwelling-houses, with the greatest Part of the Furniture, &c. and as the Houses consisted of several Tenements, 'tis said near twenty Families are burnt out. The Wind was at North west, it blew excessive hard, and the burning Shingles were carried by it over the Middle of the Town, which falling upon the Houses, set Abundance of them on Fire, so that the Inhabitants were alarm'd with the Cry of Fire, and continually running from one Place to another to extinguish it, which at last they happily effected, but not before several Buildings had suffer'd much Damage.*

WILLIAMSBURG.

May 3. *Last Tuesday Evening, at Eight o'Clock, was determin'd a Wager, sometime depending, that one Man and Horse should perform a Journey of 1000 Miles in 744 Hours, which was performed with the greatest Ease in much less Time; he having rode 1014 Miles and 3 Quarters in 662 Hours, being 82 Hours less than the Time allowed him to perform it in. It was done by a pacing Horse, unbood, and a Negro Boy about 14 Years of Age.*

May 9. *On Saturday last arrived in Town from Obio, Ensign Edward Ward of Capt. Trent's Company, with an Indian Messenger from the Half-King. Lieutenant Ward informs us, That on the 17th of last Month, the French, consisting of about 1000 Men, under the Command of Monsieur de Contrecœur, came from Venango, in 300 Canoes, and 60 Battoes, with 18 Pieces of Cannon, to the Fork of Monongahela, where he, with 33 Soldiers, were in Garrison: That as soon as they landed, they marched in regular Order within a Musket Shot of the Fort, and demanded an immediate Surrender, threatening, on his Refusal, to take it by Force. The great Superiority of the French, obliged him to give it up, having obtained Liberty to march out with every Thing he had in the Fort. The next Day with his Company, he set out to meet the Forces ordered from Alexandria to reinforce him, and at Will's Creek, met Lieutenant Colonel Washington, with a Detachment of 150 Men under his Command. Colonel Washington on hearing this Account, thought it unadviseable to proceed to the Forks with so small a Force, but determined to march to Red Stone Creek, about 37 Miles from the Fort, and there intrench himself till he should be joined by Colonel Fry.*

The Speech brought by the Indian Messenger, from the Half King, is full of the warmest Expressions of Friendship and Attachment to the English Interest. His Honour the Governor dispatched him on Tuesday, with firm Assurance of a vigorous Assistance.

When all the Forces now ordered to the Ohio, from this, and the neighbouring Governments, are arrived, they will make up about 1100 Men, besides the Assistance we expect from Pennsylvania, Maryland, South Carolina, &c. and a great Number of Indians that are ready to join us.

NEW-YORK, March 8.

Messrs. Printers, Plumb Island, Feb. 4.

The following Narration, if you think it worthy of a Place in your Paper, you may freely communicate the same to the Public, since there are several Men of undoubted Veracity, who were Eye-Witnesses, and are ready to attest to the Truth of it:

"Yesterday about Ten in the Morning, there appeared a strange Phænomena rising out of the Sea, betwixt Gardner's Island and Plumb Island, which was to Appearance like three Ships full rigged, with their Sails spread, the largest of which had a Pendant at her Main-top-mast Head: The Persons who saw it were so near them, that they could plainly discern the Men upon the Quarter-Deck, as also their Yards, Tops, Blocks, Rigging and other Appurtenances belonging to Ships; and in a few Minutes they seem'd to engage each other; they could see the Smoke of their Guns, but hear no Report. In the Time of the Engagement they put about several Times, and the large Ship haul'd up her Courses; the whole was perform'd with the utmost Dexterity, as tho' they were navigated by the most skilful Mariners; and thus it continued for the Space of a Quarter of an Hour and then by Degrees vanish'd away. As we look upon it to be a supernatural Production, so the Consequences of it we will not pretend to determine."

PHILADELPHIA, May 2.

The Schooner Argo, Captain Swaine, is sail'd on a second Attempt for the Discovery of the Northwest Passage.

May 9. Friday last an Express arrived here from Major Washington, with Advice, that Mr. Ward, Ensign of Capt. Trent's Company, was compelled to surrender his small Fort in the Forks of Monongahela to the French, on the 17th past; who fell down from Venango with a Fleet of 360 Battoes and Canoes, upwards of 1000 Men, and 18 Pieces of Artillery, which they planted against the Fort; and Mr. Ward having but 44 Men, and no Cannon to make a proper Defence, was oblig'ed to surrender on Summons, capitulating to march out with their Arms, &c. and they had accordingly joined Major Washington, who was advanced with three Companies of the Virginia Forces, as far as the New Store near the Allegheny Mountains, where the Men were employed in clearing a Road for the Cannon, which were every Day expected with Col. Fry, and the Remainder of the Regiment.——We hear farther, that some few of the English Traders on the Ohio escaped, but 'tis supposed the greatest Part are taken, with all their Goods, and Skins, to the Amount of near 20,000 *l.* The Indian Chiefs, however, have dispatch'd Messages to Pennsylvania, and Virginia, desiring that the English would not be discouraged, but send out their Warriors to join them, and drive the French out of the Country before they fortify; otherwise the Trade will be lost, and, to their great Grief, an eternal Separation made between the Indians and their Brethren the English. 'Tis farther said, that besides the French that came down from Venango, another Body of near 400, is coming up the Ohio; and that 600 French Indians, of the Chippaways and Ottaways, are coming down Siota River, from the Lake, to join them; and many more French are expected from Canada; the Design being to establish themselves, settle their Indians, and build Forts just on the Back of our Settlements in all our Colonies; from which Forts, as they did from Crown Point, they may send out their Parties to kill and scalp the Inhabitants, and ruin the Frontier Counties. Accordingly we hear, that the Back Settlers in Virginia, are so terrify'd by the Murdering and Scalping of the Family last Winter, and the Taking of this Fort, that they begin already to abandon their Plantations, and remove to Places of more Safety.——The Confidence of the French in this Undertaking seems well grounded on the present disunited State of the British Colonies, and the extreme Difficulty of bringing so many different Governments and Assemblies to agree in any speedy and effectual Measures for our common Defence and Security; while our Enemies have the very great Advantage of being under one Direction, with one Council, and one Purse. Hence, and from the great Distance of Britain, they presume that they may with Impunity violate the most solemn Treaties subsisting between the two Crowns, kill, seize and imprison our Traders, and confiscate their Effects at Pleasure (as they have done for several Years past) murder and scalp our Farmers, with their Wives and Children, and take an easy Possession of such Parts of the British Territory as they find most convenient for them; which if they are permitted to do, must end in the Destruction of the British Interest, Trade and Plantations in America.

ANNAPOLIS.

Friday last arrived here, from London, *after a Passage of 29 Days, Capt.* James Dobbins, *in the* Thames Frigate, *with 130 of his Majesty's Passengers, who were at Home so* expert *and* knowing *in some* Arts, *that they were* obliged to Travel *for the* BETTER PEOPLING *of his Majesty's* American *Plantations, at least for the Term of Seven Years. Capt.* Dobbins, *from his Departure from the* Lizard, *came 1664 Miles in 198 Hours.*

On Wednesday Morning last Week, about the same Time that Mrs. Marriott's *House in this Town was struck with Lightning, one* Edward Loyd, *who rented a small House and Tract of Land in* Queen-Anne's *County, was thereby struck dead in an Instant. The Gust being very violent, and he very fearful of Lightning, he got out of Bed, from his Wife, in order to kindle up the Fire, and as he sat on his Heels, blowing it with a Wing, a Flash came down the Chimney, which drove him back against the Jamb, in a sitting Posture, with the Wing in his Hand; he had nothing on but his Shirt, which was coarse and strong, and the Collar and other Parts of it much torn by the Lightning; but there was no Mark to be found on his Body: The Bedstead where he had just lain, was rent to Pieces, and his Wife stunn'd. The next Day his Body turn'd very black and much swelled.*

Custom House, Annapolis, *Entr'd since* May 9.
Ship Thames, James Dobbins, from London;
Brig Nancy, William Strachan, from Madeira;
Ship St. Lawrence, T. Hooper, from London;
Ship Peggy, Benjamin Bell, from London;
Brig Grove, Robert Wilson, from Barbadoes.

Cleared for Departure,
Ship Biddeford, John Cole, for Bristol.

JUST IMPORTED,

From LONDON, *in the* THAMES, *and to be Sold by the Subscriber, at* ANNAPOLIS, *during the Ship's Stay there, and afterwards at the Ferry Branch of* Patapsco,

CHESHIRE and *Gloucestershire* CHEESE, LEMONS, STRONG BEER and ALE, in Bottles and Cask, LONDON PORTER in Barrels, choice CLARET in three Dozen Hampers, *French* WHITE WINE in Chests, each Chest containing thirty Flasks, *China* and Earthen WARE, black OAKAM, and OSNABRIGS, with sundry other GOODS too tedious to mention.

James Dobbins.

DESERTED from the *Virginia* Regiment, the 8th Day of *May*, the following Men, *viz.*

Thomas Locker, born in *Maryland*, 28 Years of Age, 5 Feet 6 Inches high, of a pale Complexion, with dark Hair, and is well made, and active. He had on a light grey Country made Cloth Coat, with Side Pockets, and Leggings tied with yellow Binding. He lives near the Eastern Branch of *Potowmack*. He has been punished for a former Desertion, and probably has some Marks of it on his Back.

Ignatius Jones, 23 Years old, born in *Maryland*, and enlisted with Mr. *Polfan*, at *Lower Marlborough*: He is 5 Feet 7 Inches and a half high, and of a dark Complexion. Had on a short blue Coat turn'd up with red.

Peter Brillinger, or *Prelinger*, 28 Years old, a *Swiss*, or *Dutchman*, late of *Alexandria*, Butcher, and formerly lived, as he said, about *Monockasy*; he is 5 Feet 8 Inches and three Quarters high, of a dark, tho' jolly Complexion, and dark bushy Hair, is short neck'd, and round shouldered: He had on a very narrow brimmed Hat. He went away in Company with his Wife, who is a slender Woman.

Patrick Smith, enlisted by Mr. *Polfan*, at *Lower-Marlborough*.

Whoever brings either of the three first mentioned Men to me, at *Winchester*, or to Major *John Carlyle*, at *Alexandria*, shall have Two Pistoles Reward for each, and for the last mentioned One Pistole. *Maj. Carlyle* — *Joshua Fry.*

Conformable to LAW,

NOTICE is hereby given, That there is at the Plantation of Capt. *John Addison*, near *Broad Creek*, in *Prince George's* County, taken up as a Stray, a Sorrel Mare, with a flaxen Mane and Tail, and branded on the near Buttock; but what the Brand is cannot be made out.

The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

THERE are at the Plantation of Capt. *Thomas Addison*, at *Gisborough*, at the Mouth of the Eastern Branch of *Potowmack* River, in *Prince George's* County, the undermentioned Cattle, *viz.* A Red and White Bull, marked with a Crop and under Bit and over Bit in the right Ear, and under half in the left.

Two Red and White Heifers, with the same Marks.

A Black Steer, mark'd with a Crop and Slit and under Bit in the right Ear, and a Hole in the left.

A Brindled Pied Heifer, with a Swallow Fork in the right Ear, and under Bit and over Bit in the left.

The Owners may have them again, on proving their Property, and paying Charges.

For *LONDON* directly,

The good Ship HANBURY, JAMES CREAGH, *Commander*;

A new Veſſel, built at Annapolis, *ſtaunch, ſtrong, and well fitted, and now lying in the Ferry Branch of* Patapſco *River,*

WILL load TOBACCO on Freight, to be conſign'd to any of the *London* Merchants without Exception, on the following Terms: At Five Pounds Sterling *per* Ton, of 4 Hogſheads, if brought to the Ship's Side; or at Six Pounds Sterling *per* Ton, if fetch'd from any Landing whatever, at the Ship's Charge.

There is no doubt but this Veſſel will be early in her Departure, having near one Third of her Cargo provided for her.

For Freight or Paſſage apply as follows, *viz.*

Patrick Creagh, in *Annapolis*,
Daniel Chamier, at *Elk Ridge* Landing,
John Carnan, in *Baltimore Town*,
James Creagh, on board the ſaid Veſſel.

The Subſcriber, as Owner of the above named Veſſel, begs Leave to obſerve to all the Gentlemen Shippers to Meſſieurs *John Hanbury* and Company, that this Veſſel was intended for their Service, and that he was at an extraordinary Expence to get her finiſh'd in Time to have loaded laſt Fall, but could not ſucceed; he hopes, nevertheleſs, that the Goodneſs of the Veſſel, her being the Built of this Country, the Lowneſs of the Freight (a Conſideration to be much regarded now Tobacco is ſo low) and the Certainty of her being an early Veſſel, will induce them, and other Gentlemen Shippers to their Merchants, to give her the Preference of their Favours, which ſhall be gratefully acknowledged, by

Their very humble and obliged Servant,
Patrick Creagh.

RAN away on [illegible]th of *April* laſt, from a Mine Bank, belonging to *Alexander Lawſon* and Company, in *Anne Arundel* County, near *Elk Ridge* Landing, a Convict Servant Fellow, who came in the Country laſt Year in Capt. *James Dobbins*: He is an *Engliſhman*, about 6 Feet high, and of a black Complexion. Had on two Cotton Jackets, the under one without Sleeves, a Pair of Cotton Breeches, an Oſnabrigs Shirt, a Felt Hat, a white Linnen Cap, a Silk Handkerchief, white Yarn Stockings, and Country made Shoes.

A Negro Fellow belonging to the ſaid Company went away with him who is acquainted with the back Roads, and is ſuppoſed to be conducting him that Way: He is about 5 Feet 6 Inches high, pretty aged, and ſpeaks good *Engliſh*. Had on a Cotton Jacket and Breeches, an Oſnabrigs Shirt, an old Felt Hat, a white Linnen Cap, white Yarn Stockings, and Country made Shoes. They took with them a Drugget Coat of a light Colour, lined with Shalloon, and trimm'd with yellow Metal Buttons.

Whoever apprehends the ſaid two Fellows, and ſecures them in any Goal, ſo that the Subſcriber may have them again, ſhall have, if taken withi the Province, Two Piſtoles Reward for each; and if taken out of the Province, Four Piſtoles Reward for each, and reaſonable Charges, if brought to

Alexander Lawſon.

RAN away on the 5th of *March* laſt, from the Subſcriber, living at the Mouth of *Patapſco* River, a Convict Servant Woman, named *Mary Burton*, aged 36 Years, has a long Viſage, a long ſharp Noſe, and is of a ſwarthy Complexion. Had on a Cotton Jacket and Petticoat, an Oſnabrigs Shift, a whitiſh colour'd Cloth Cloak, Yarn Stockings, and Country made Shoes.

She had on when ſhe went away an Iron Collar, but it is probable ſhe has got it off.

Whoever takes up the ſaid Servant Woman, and brings her to her Maſter, ſhall have Three Pounds Reward, beſides what the Law allows, and reaſonable Charges, paid by

John Hughes.

RAN away from the Ship *Greyhound*, *Alexander Stewart*, Maſter, now lying in the Ferry-Branch of *Patapſco* River, the two following Men, *viz.*

William Lutkin, aged about 18 Years, has a ſmooth Face, a brown Complexion, and about 5 Feet 4 Inches high: Had on when he went away, a brown cut Wig, blue Jacket, Oſnabrigs Frock and Trowſers.

William Jupp, a Convict Servant, a ſhort, well ſet, dark, ill-looking Fellow, and ſpeaks pretty thick: Had on when he went away, a blue Pea Jacket, a Flaxen colour'd Wig, and Canvas Trowſers.

As they carried ſundry other Cloaths with them, they may probably change their Dreſs.

Whoever takes up the ſaid Men, and ſecures them, ſo as the Subſcribers may have them again, (or brings them on board the *Greyhound*) ſhall have One Piſtole Reward for each, beſides what the Law allows.

D. Roſs,
C. Hammond.

Elk-Ridge, April 30, 1754.

JUST IMPORTED,

And to be SOLD, by the Subſcribers, at their Store, on Elk-Ridge *Landing, late in the Occupation of Mr.* ROWLAND CARNAN, *deceaſed*;

A CHOICE Aſſortment of *European* and *Eaſt India* GOODS, Rum, Sugar, Melaſſes, Pitch, Tar, Turpentine, Tallow, Bees and Myrtle Wax; for Caſh, Bills of Exchange, ſhort Credit, Tobacco, Wheat, Corn, Pork, Beef, Peaſe, or Oats. Thoſe Gentlemen who were ſo kind as to indulge Mr. *Rowland Carnan* with the Preference of their Favours, may depend on the ſame juſt and equitable Treatment, from

Their moſt humble and obliged Servants,
Chamier and *Carnan.*

WHEREAS little or no Regard has hitherto been paid to our Advertiſements, ſummoning all Perſons indebted to the Eſtate of Mr. CHARLES CARNAN, of *London*, Merchant, to come and ſettle their reſpective Debts: Theſe are therefore to acquaint them, that unleſs they pay forthwith, they will be ſued without further Notice at *June* Court; and that no Perſon may plead Ignorance of this our Reſolution, printed Advertiſements will be ſtuck up at all public Places; and as we are very deſirous to make ſuch Payments as eaſy as poſſible, Tobacco ſhipped on board the *Hanbury*, Capt. *Creagh*, and conſigned to us, ſhall, for the Amount of its Nett Proceeds, be allowed a good and ſufficient Payment, and be eſteemed an Obligation conferred on

Their very humble Servants,
Chamier and *Carnan*,
Attorneys in Fact to the Truſtees to the Eſtate of Mr. *CHARLES CARNAN.*

ALL Perſons indebted to the Eſtate of Mr. ROWLAND CARNAN, late of this Province, who was unfortunately loſt on his Voyage to *England*, are hereby required to come and pay their reſpective Debts forthwith, otherwiſe they will be ſued at *June* Court without further Notice, as this Adminiſtration muſt be ſettled before *September* next; and, any Perſons having any Claim or Demand on the ſaid Eſtate are deſired to ſend in their Accounts proved, that the ſame may be diſcharged, by

D. Chamier,
J. Carnan, } Executors.

THE Subſcriber intending for *England* ſome Time near the Cloſe of the Year, requeſts the Favour of all Perſons having any Demands on him, contracted during his Reſidence in this Province, would ſend in their Accounts, that the ſame may be diſcharged before his Departure.

D. Chamier.

JUST IMPORTED,

In Capt. COOLIDGE, CARROLL, *and* WHITE, *from* LONDON, *and to be Sold by the Subſcriber, at his Store in* UPPER MARLBOROUGH *on* Patuxent *River,*

GREAT Variety of *European* and *Eaſt India* GOODS, Sail Duck, Anchors, Grapnels, Cordage, Twine, Ship Chandlery, *&c. &c.* at the moſt reaſonable Rates, for Bills of Exchange, Caſh, or Tobacco.

Stephen Weſt.

Conformable to LAW,

NOTICE is hereby given, That there is at the Plantation of *William Durding*, in *Queen Anne's* County, taken up as a Stray, a ſmall Black Mare, branded on the near Shoulder with a Y; and on the near Buttock, but cannot diſcern the Letter, is dock'd, and about 5 Years old.

The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

NOTICE is hereby given to the Inhabitants of *Anne Arundel* County, That (as very little of the County Tax has this Year been paid in Money) they are requeſted to pay off their Dues by the Tenth of *June* (the time affix'd by Law) in Tobacco, that the Subſcriber may be enabled to pay the Officers and Clergy in the limitted Time, their reſpective Demands. Conſtant Attendance at my Office is given every Wedneſday and Thurſday, to ſettle with all ſuch Gentlemen as ſhall be pleaſed to call on

Their humble Servant,
Nathan Hammond, Sheriff
of *Anne Arundel* County.

JUST IMPORTED,

In the Ship BETSEY, *Capt.* JOHN WHITE, *from* LONDON, *and to be Sold by the Subſcriber at his Store in* ANNAPOLIS, *where Mr.* Stephen Weſt *lately kept Store, and at* LONDON-TOWN,

GREAT Variety of *European* and *Eaſt India* GOODS; alſo Cordage of all Sizes, Cables, Anchors, Sail Duck, and Ship Chandlery, beſt Crown Glaſs 8 by 10, *Weſton* and *Arnold's Scotch* Snuff, *&c.* at very reaſonable Rates, by Wholeſale or Retale.

James Dick.

To be Sold by Public Vendue,

On Wedneſday the 12th *of* June *next, at the Houſe of* Charles Wallace, *in* Annapolis,

THE following Tracts of Land, and Lots of Ground, belonging to the Eſtate of *William Peele*, deceaſed, *viz.*

Duvall's Range, containing 300 Acres, lying in *Anne Arundel* County, near the great Falls of *Patuxent* River, on both Sides of a Branch called *Hankeſs's Branch.*

Sympſon's Stones, containing 153 Acres, lying in *Anne Arundel* County, near *Huntington.*

Batchelor's Choice, containing 100 Acres, lying in *Anne Arundel* County, on the South Side of the main Falls of *Patapſco* River.

Joſeph's Favour, containing 100 Acres, lying in *Baltimore* County, on the Weſt Side of the great Falls of *Gunpowder* River, and on the North Side of a Run called *The Beaver Dam Run.*

Two Lots of Ground lying in that Part of *Annapolis* called the *New Town*, being N°. Q and L, on the laſt of which there is a Wooden Houſe, with two Brick Chimneys.

For Sterling or Current Money, by

James Mouat,
James Dick,
James Nicholſon, } Executors.

THE Subſcriber being removed to *Upper Marlborough*, all Perſons who have any Demands againſt him, contracted during his Reſidence at *Annapolis*, are deſired to ſend in their Accounts to Mr. *Dick's* Store there, that they may be adjuſted and paid: And thoſe who are any Ways indebted to him, are requeſted to ſettle and pay off their reſpective Accounts to Mr. *James Dick*, who will grant proper Diſcharges for ſuch Payments.

Stephen Weſt.

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